GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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KOSI AND GANGA ACTION PLAN
RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has requested the Union Government to implement Kosi and Ganga Action Plan as Central Project; and

(b) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Pollution abatement works under Ganga Action Plan Phase I have been taken up in the year 1985 in 25 class I towns of which 6 are in UP, 4 in Bihar and 15 in West Bengal. The share of Bihar in this programme was Rs.53.29 crore. The Ganga Action Plan Phase I was closed on 31.3.2000. Later, in 1996, the Ganga Action Plan Phase II, which is part of the main scheme of National River Conservation Plan, was approved at a total cost of Rs.1276.26 crore out of which the share of Bihar is Rs.32.90 crore. No proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar for inclusion of Kosi River under National River Conservation Plan.